REMARKS

Applicant has rewritten claim 8 to incorporate the limitation of claim 4 which was considered to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Further, new claim 9 incorporates original claim 5. New claims 10 and 11 incorporate the limitation of claim 6 while claims 12 and 13 incorporate the limitations of claim 7.

It is Applicant's contention that all of the claims are now in proper form and clearly and patentably distinguished over the cited prior art. Accordingly, this application should be allowed.

Accordingly, prompt favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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